

BLUE RIBBON PANEL

Telephone Conference Call
Room 101, Missouri Department of Transportation Building
105 West Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

October 6, 2003
2:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Notice

The Blue Ribbon Panel appointed by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) met by telephone conference on Monday, October 6, 2003.

The meeting agenda, showing the date, time, and location of the meeting, was posted in keeping with Section 610.020 of the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended; however, the posting was made less than 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time. The reason for holding the meeting with less than 24 hours' notice was to consider revisions to the draft report which was anticipated to be delivered to the Highways and Transportation Commission at a special meeting scheduled for the following day, October 7, 2003.

Attendance

Members present for regular meeting:

Dr. Jack Magruder, Chairman
Ray Beck
Jim Henson
Tom Irwin
John Mehner
Joe Ortwerth
Steve Roberts
Larry Stobbs
Morris Westfall

Members absent:

Emanuel Cleaver
Freeman McCullah
Karen Messerli

Summary of Meeting

Call to Order

Dr. Jack Magruder, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Request to Consider Information from Commission

Dr. Magruder advised the panel that Highways and Transportation Commission Chairman Barry Orscheln had requested an opportunity for the Commission to provide factual information and/or other perspectives for consideration by the panel as it prepares its final report.

While concern was expressed by Mr. Stobbs and Mr. Ortwerth that Commission input at this time may be inappropriate because it may be perceived as an attempt to influence the conclusions drawn by the panel, the majority of the panel members agreed that receipt of the input represented a courtesy to the Commission and could be helpful to minimize misunderstandings of information submitted to the panel and ensure factual accuracy. With the understanding that information provided by the Commission would be objectively considered by the panel with no obligation to change any of the panel's findings, the panel agreed to accept the input and cancelled its October 7, 2003, meeting in order to await the Commission's comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.